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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP PLAN OF WORK FOR SEPTEMBER 1977

1. THE FOLLOWING SELF-EXPLANATORY PLAN OF WORK WAS AGREED,
AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS, AT THE CONTACT GROUP'S SEPTEMBER 6
MEETING IN NEW YORK. OF THE PAPER PARCELED OUT BY THE
CONTACT GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 6, THE US VOLUNTEERED TO PRODUCE
(A) AND (D), FRANCE UNDERTOOK (B), CANADA AND THE UK (C) AND
THE FRG (E). THE CONTACT GROUP ALSO DECIDED, AD REFERENDUM
TO CAPITALS, TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM
NUJOMA'S VISIT TO PARIS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8, TO
INVITE SWAPO TO TALKS FROM SEPTEMBER 26-28. NUJOMA WOULD BE
INFORMED BY THE FRENCH THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS WOULD BE TO
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DISCUSS THE BROAD OUTLINES OF A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT WITH
A VIEW TO SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION IN OCTOBER. THEY WOULD
SAY THAT THE TALKS COULD TAKE PLACE IN DAR ES SALAAM OR
WASHINGTON IF THE LATTER FITS IN BETTER WITH HIS TRAVEL
PLANS AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

2. THE PRESENT PLAN OF WORK IS BASED ON THE ASSESSMENT

THAT THE SAG INTENDS TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY IN SUPPORT OF TURNHALLE ELEMENTS AFTER OCTOBER 1, THUS PREEMPTING THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA AND UNDERMINING THE BASIS OF THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE. ON THAT ASSESSMENT, THE WESTERN FIVE MUST HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING ALL CONCERNED PARTIES BY OCTOBER 1 AND, ASSUMING THERE IS ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES, HAVE MOVED INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE SOON THEREAFTER. TO MEET THESE DATES, WE MUST QUICKLY DEVELOP A SCENARIO FOR ALL PHASES OF THE PROCESS LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE. THIS SCENARIO SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO BOTH SWAPO AND THE SAG AS OUT VIEW OF A REASONABLE COMPROMISE OF THE INTEREST AND SENSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES, EMPHASIZING THAT THE WESTERN INITIATIVE OFFERS THE PARTIES THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY THEY WILL HAVE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO RACH A PEACEFUL AND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM.

SEPTEMBER 6: THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS AT 3 P.M. AT THE CANIDAN MISSION TO CONSIDER A DRAFT U.S. PLAN OF WORK. IT ESTABLISHES WORKING PARTIES TO DEVELOP A) A PLAN TO MONITOR THE CEASEFIRE AND MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, INCLUDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, THE INTRODUCTION OF UN PEACEKEEPING PERSONNEL, THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN-SPONSORED ETHNIC UNITS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NAMIBIA ARMY, B) A DETAILED TIMETABLE OF UN, SOUTH AFRICAN AND OTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE BY

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A PRE-DETERMINED DATE, C) THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MANDATE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, D) STRATEGY FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING A DRAFT RESOLUTION(S) AND E) A COMMON APPROACH TO WALVIS BAY.

SEPTEMBER 7: MEMBER OF THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS WITH AHTISAARI TO REVIEW ASPECTS OF UN CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

SEPTEMBER 8: THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS AT 11 A.M. AT THE CANADIAN MISSION TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES (A) AND (C) AND, IF TIME PERMITS, TO REPORTS OF THE OTHER WORKING PARTIES. HE VARIOUS PAPERS ARE SENT TO CAPITALS FOR REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE.

SEPTEMBER 9: THE PRETORIA CONTACT GROUP INVITES SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA TO WASHINGTON FOR A THIRD ROUND OF TALKS.

SEPTEMBER 12: SPOKESMEN FOR THE CONTACT GROUP IN DAR ES SALAAM AND LAGOS INFORM THE TANZANIAN PRESIDENT AND THE NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OF OUR FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH SWAPO AND THE SAG.WE ASK FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING SWAPO ATTENDANCE AND FLEXIBILITY. WE GIVE SEPTEMBER 26-28 AS THE PROBABLE DATES OF THE SWAPO TALKS TO BE HELD

IN DAR ES SALAAM OR WASHINGTON.

SEPTEMBER 15: THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL
TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING UN CONTINGENCY
PLANNING.

SEPTEMBER 19-20: THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS WITH BOTH A IN WASHINGTON.

SEPTEMBER 21: THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS TO EVALUATE THE TALKS WITH
BOTH A.

SEPTEMBER 26-28: THE (NEW YORK) CONTACT GROUP MEETS WITH SWAPO
IN DAR ES SALAAM OR WASHINGTON.

SEPTEMBER 29: THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS TO EVALUATE THE SWAPO
TALKS AND REVIEWS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SECURITY
COUNCIL ACTION.

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